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Sir:

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1. International Publication No. WO 02/082979 A2 dated October 24, 2002;
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 5-7573 (A) dated January 19, 1993 together with English language abstract;
3. United States Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0198439 A1 dated December 26, 2002 to Mizuno;

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4. United States Patent No. US 6,324,418 B1 dated November 27, 2001 to Crowley et al.;
5. United States Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0020810 A1 dated January 30, 2003 to Takizawa et al.;
6. International Publication No. WO 02/100256 A2 dated December 19, 2002; and
7. Supplementary European Search Report dated February 23, 2011.

References 1-6 were cited in a Supplementary European Search Report dated February 23, 2011, a copy of which is enclosed. Applicants are submitting a copy of references 1-2 and 6 as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii). The relevance of references 1-6 has been described in the Search Report.

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